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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices were lower in the West, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady at best. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with few features. Supplies of smaller sizes were in balance to tight, and heavier weights were at least adequate. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best. Breast items were adequate to ample, dark meat was adequate to fully sufficient, and wings were mixed, but readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 11-OCT-2004

(cents per lb)	US GRADE A	COMPOSITE			
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD LOADS	WTD LOADS		
		AVG	AVG		
Boston/New Eng	63.00-65.00	64.79	14	68.19	49
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.35	42	63.45	80
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			62.16	24
Denver	81.50	81.36	15	80.59	18
Detroit	60.00-62.00	61.73	15	66.29	60
Los Angeles	82.00	79.48	63	76.41	129
New York	61.00-64.00	63.65	26	64.67	52
Philadelphia	61.50-64.00	62.67	12	61.98	23
Pittsburgh	62.00-64.00	63.17	12	68.54	57
St. Louis	60.50-60.75	60.44	22	61.82	42
San Francisco	82.50	81.07	35	84.86	66

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/11/04	Change/Last Wk	10/04/04	10/13/03
600	69.72	.28	69.44	63.07

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	64.50-66.00	65.21	33
Central	61.00-69.00	65.96	81
Western	55.00-75.00	70.59	41

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	74.00-76.00	74.73	90
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

****MONDAY 11 OCT 2004****

FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,128	58.00-78.25	75.17

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	194.50	1,514
BREASTS - B/S	163.50	5,879
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.50	1,686
THIGH MEAT - B/S	77.50	1,133
LEG QUARTERS	31.50	7,852
WINGS	107.50	3,085

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as fair at best. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger birds were at least adequate to available with scattered discounting noted. The 3 pound and lighter birds were in good balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate following the weekend, best for active features and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to readily available for tenders. Dark meat was sufficient to closer balanced for thigh meat, and wings were mixed, but at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last week. Reported trading for this weeks' delivery at mainly lower prices on heavyweight product and unchanged to higher prices for small sized product. Offerings in close balance to ample with whole body product over 3.5 pounds in the longest position. Buying activity was only fair. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk and 4/10s generally 32, wing 105-110, bone- in-breast 83-94 and boneless 132-134. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.10 up 1.80 with the volume reported up 4 percent to 29 loads when compared to last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged from last Monday's final ; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was cautiously steady. Trade interest was light on adequate offerings with lighter weight tight. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, slow into fast food. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate, weights desirable. Parts trade remained limited on fully sufficient offerings; tenders and breasts were in longest position. The market tone was about steady on wings and dark meat; barely steady to weak on balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate and generally clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weight mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to ample with bone-in in the better balanced position. Leg quarters were available. Wings were irregularly available.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
	10/12/04	10/11/04
RANGE	59-83	56-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	65.11	65.14
NO. OF BOXES	11,358	9,937

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was noted as fair at best as dealers were content to limit orders to regular commitments and attempted to assess the market. Offerings of breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were generally adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	H		133.13	515,089
TENDERLOINS			117.40	89,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	O		82.46	93,240
BREAST - LINE RUN			78.97	87,240
LEGS	L		37.03	236,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)			30.28	408,932
DRUMSTICKS	I		32.59	115,740
THIGHS			34.92	84,490
B/S THIGHS	D		69.16	54,960
WINGS (WHOLE)			112.33	95,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	A		11.68	25,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)			26.43	18,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	Y		64.46	22,520

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,921	110.00-210.00	113-128	126.65
TENDERLOINS	513	110.00-200.00	125-135	132.79
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	982	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,623	27.00-31.00	27-30	27.50
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,240	17.50-23.00	20-21	20.84

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 10/07	ACTUAL 10/04	AVG WTS 09/30
Alabama	4,144	4,042	5.30	4,073	5.29
Arkansas	5,169	5,337	5.13	5,473	5.14
Delmarva	2,199	2,230	5.61	2,289	5.74
KY-LA-TN	1,893	1,876	4.95	1,853	5.00
Mississippi	2,897	3,094	5.29	2,944	5.47
North Carolina	2,355	2,482	6.38	2,457	6.43
Texas	2,469	2,530	5.14	2,698	5.13
Total	21,126	21,591	5.36	21,787	5.41
Mon	21,126(A)			21,787 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Oct 2004 is estimated to be 31,607,000 down 3.32 percent from a week ago, and up 0.6 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,694,000 last year 31,404,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	700	115.00-185.00	118-122	123.54
TENDERLOINS	266	105.00-215.00	120-125	122.59
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	82.00-94.00	85-87	85.54
FRONT HALVES	100	55.00-59.00	-	56.60
LEGS	90	28.00-50.00	29-31	31.75
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	858	24.00-32.00	26-29	27.65
WINGS (WHOLE)	245	94.00-110.00	94-95	95.35
WINGS (CUT)	358	113.00-119.00	115-119	117.71
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCTOBER 12, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
39.00 - 44.00	41.07

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 11-OCT-2004 TO 15-OCT-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	113.00 - 142.00	128.00 - 140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	71.00 - 99.00	73.00 - 84.00
LEGS	36.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 38.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	83.00 - 115.00	102.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 50.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	96.75-100.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	100.25-104.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	69-71
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

	RANGE
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 110
	ICE PACK 105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 111
	ICE PACK 108-111
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 93-95
ICE PACK	91-93
DUCKS	175-188

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50-18.50	20.00-22.00	1,816,000	1,256,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.26	21.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-20.00	17.00-19.00	3,110,000	2,470,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.58	18.19		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	280,000	280,000
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-15	10.5-12	11.40
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

OCTOBER 08, 2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	22.00	19.00	101,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	22.00	19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-22.00	11.00-18.00	2,165,600	963,200
WTD AVERAGE	16.49	13.89		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.50	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-14.25	10-10.5	10.88

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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